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"PATENT APPLICATION"

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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TRAVELING WAVE DIELECTROPHORETIC
APPARATUS AND METHOD

Alexandria, Virginia
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R E S P O N S E

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the official action mailed October 13, 2005. Applicants have considered the outstanding official action. It is respectfully submitted that the claims are directed to patentable subject matter as set forth below.

The outstanding rejections based on art are as follows:

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- (1) Claims 1-6, 10, 11, 16, 17, 21, and 23 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over WO 97/27933 (Becker); and
 - (2) Claims 1-25 and 27-31 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Becker.